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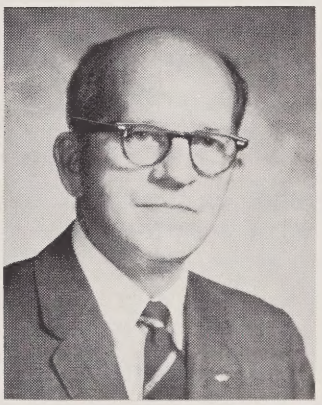

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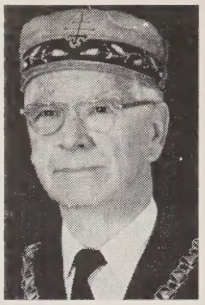

Ill. Luther A. Smith 33°

The several Bodies of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, sitting in the Valley of New Bern, Orient of North Carolina, acknowledge and yield Allegiance to the Supreme Council of the Thirty-third Degree, the Mother Supreme-Council of the World, whose see is at Charleston, in the State of South Carolina, of which LUTHER A. SMITH, 33°, is Grand Commander, C. FRED KLEINKNECHT, JR., 33°, is Grand Secretary General, JAMES G. JOHNSTON, 33°, is Sovereign Grand Inspector General in N. C., and ROBERT L. PUGH, 33°, is Personal Representative in the Valley of New Bern of the Sovereign Grand Inspector General in N. C.

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On this Thanksgiving Day
To see that God has walked with me,
For all along the way
Rich blessings have surrounded me
And everywhere I see
Ten thousand things to give thanks for.
Thus, thankful I should be.

I did not even have to ask,
God gave the sun and rain
And just this spring new flowers bloomed;
Song birds built nests again.
With summer came long peaceful days,
Soft, warm and starry nights.
The Whip-poor-will sang constantly,
With God all things are right.

I do not have to worry now
Cause from the yellow field
The cornucopia is overfilled,
Abundant is the yield;
But then, I'm sure God meant for me
To breathe one thankful prayer,
Then do my best to bring about
Thanksgiving everywhere.

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SECRETARY'S PAGE

R. L. Pugh, 33°

Plans for the Fall Reunion, November 18, 19 and 20, with a class of 200 candidates to be known as "The Constitution Class", are rapidly taking shape and we are looking forward to the best Reunion we have ever had.

Our members in the Valley of Enfield particularly are to be commended for the magnificent enthusiasm they are displaying. Their Ambassadors eagerly accepted a goal of 51 candidates for the Enfield Reunion, representing one candidate for each year that Brother Watson Sherrod, 33°, has been a Scottish Rite Mason. They are especially proud of our designating Wednesday evening as "The Watson Sherrod Night" and they are determined to show their appreciation by the largest class of candidates they have ever had for their Reunion. Incidentally, the Enfield Reunion will be held October 29th and our Brethren are extended a cordial invitation to meet with them on that occasion.

We are especially happy also over the recognition the Supreme Council has given the Scottish Rite Bodies in the Valley of New Bern. In the business session of the Supreme Council held Monday morning, October 20, 1969, four of our members were elected to be coronetted with the rank and dignity of Sovereign Grand Inspector General Honorary or, as we more commonly designate it, the Thirty-Third degree. This was a signal recognition from every standpoint and our Bodies are proud of the action taken by the Supreme Council.

The Supreme Council also elected 15 of our Brethren to be invested with the rank and decoration of Knight Commander of the Court of Honour or as it is commonly designated, the K.C.C.H. A more complete description of the action of the Supreme Council is to be found in another section of this issue.

Tuesday evening of our Reunion is designated as "Veterans' Night". About 14 of our Brethren have now been 32° Masons for a period of fifty years and they will be presented the Veterans' cap during the banquet hour that evening.

On that same Tuesday evening we will also present caps to our newly coronetted Thirty-Third degree members and also to our newly invested Knights Commander of the Court of Honour.

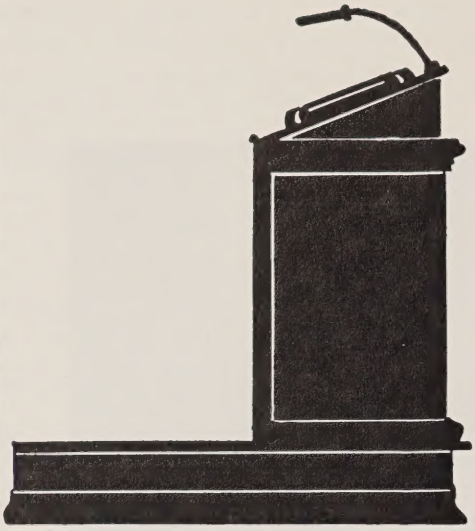
Thursday evening has been designated as "The Grand Master's Night' and we are looking forward to having the Grand Master and a number of Grand Lodge officers present with us.

I emphasize once again that the spirit of enthusiasm is now running high throughout the territory and if our workers will only continue the pace we have now set we will have no difficulty in realizing our goal of 200. The prospects are there; they are waiting only to be contacted! That contact depends upon you!!

Sincerely and fraternally,

R. L. Pugh

Robert L. Pugh, 33°
Secretary



From The Classroom

BY EDWARD P. BLAIR, 33° CLASS LECTURER

What Are Your Boundaries?

I read an interesting article by a good Masonic friend of mine in which he quoted an outstanding truth. Brother Alva Williams said that we need to remember "what we are is God's gift to us — what we become and what we do with ourselves is our gift to God." Dr. Harry Emmerson Fosdick once spoke of a novel describing one of the characters by saying, "Edith was a small Country, bounded on the North, South, East and West by Edith." Let us take a long look at that quotation. Can you or would you substitute your own name for Edith. *How far do your boundaries run? How much do they take in? Boundaries are always important. What are the Boundaries in your life?* How far do your interests go and your loyalties run? The boundaries of your mind and your concerns truly measure you as a person. We know that New York, for example, is bounded on the North by Canada, Lake Ontario and Lake Erie, on the East by Vermont and Connecticut, etc. How is a life bounded? It is bounded by your interests, your concerns, your deeds, and inspirations.

I shall never forget walking upstairs in the Supreme Council Building in Washington, D. C. and looking straight at the bust of General Albert Pike. He was one of the greatest exponents of Scottish Masonry. Albert Pike had under his bust this quotation, "What we do for ourselves alone dies with us, what we do for others is immortal, can never die."

An individual broadens his vision by taking the Scottish Rite. He comes a bit closer to himself, his fellow-man, his family, his church, his country and his God. Truly, one expands his boundaries in Scottish Masonry. When we invite a qualified Mason to ascend the stairs in our Movement, and if this person accepts the invitation, he sees that it is possible to have beautiful and glorious boundaries for a life; bounded on the North by family and work; on the East by the Community in which he lives and it can be large; on the West by the world itself, with its needs and interests and on the South by the limitless Grace of God.

What are your boundaries? Get out your surveying instruments and measure yourself. How far can you see? Can you see beyond yourself? What do you suppose man was created for in the first place? There must have been a reason. Would God have created the Universe and its wonders, its beauties and its precisions and put man on it as a mere after-thought?

The forth coming Scottish Rite Reunion can mean much to you and it can mean as much and perhaps more to the Brother that you invite. Therein lies another one of the joys of our Movement. To realize its real meaning, we must not hide it or keep it. We must share it with others, that they too might be a recipient of what we see and believe.

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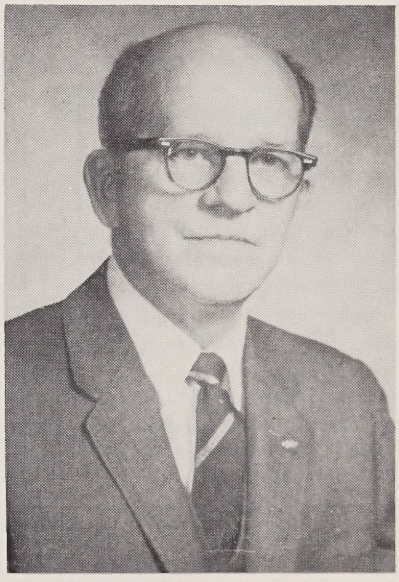

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Three days of moral and spiritual enlightenment emphasizing the Constitution of the United States as the bulwark of our freedom, and, in addition this Reunion will have three outstanding features other than the presentation of the degrees:

1. "Veterans' Night" — Tuesday night, November 18, 1969. On this night we are honoring about fifteen of our members who have been 32° Masons for fifty years or more. A Veteran's cap and certificate will be presented to them during this hour.

2. "The Watson Sherrod Night" — Wednesday night, November 19, 1969. During this banquet hour we will honor this great Mason, a Past Grand Master, long time Secretary of the Enfield Scottish Rite Bodies, and one of North Carolina's most beloved and distinguished Masons.

3. "The Grand Master's Night" — Thursday night, November 20, 1969. This banquet hour will honor the Grand Master of Masons in North Carolina, the Most Worshipful William A. Hooks of Smithfield, the concluding festive occasion of the greatest Reunion ever.

Bagpipe Skirls

Dear Brethren,

The following was clipped from a publication several years ago. It was so long ago that the paper on which it is printed has yellowed with age. That's a switch. Most of us are gray with age. Anyway, the wisdom injected in the writing seems as new as today. Think about this one, if you will.

NUMBER ONE

All of us have a perfectly normal tendency to look out for Number One. We like others, to be sure, but we like ourselves better. We wish other people well and lots of luck, but we, ourselves, are eager to be up in line when the good luck is passed out.

Being interested in Number One should not be considered a shortcoming. It is a racial trait, without which there probably would not be any race by now. The trouble is — too many of us seem interested only in Number One. We neglect wonderful opportunities to do a good turn for Number Two. This isn't selfishness, necessarily; more often it's simply thoughtlessness. The idea just doesn't occur to us.

As your personal contribution to the happiness of those around you, make an effort. Keep your eyes open for chances to do something for Number Two more often. For example, listen to others — with sympathy, not boredom. Find convenient excuses to praise people. Give out encouragement.

You'll find you'll get quite a kick out of this kind of generosity. And — this may astonish you. In looking out for Number Two, you'll discover that you have been doing something rather extraordinary for Number One.

Habit is either the best of servants or the worst of masters.

The chains of habit are generally too small to be felt until they are too strong to be broken.

One farmer who decided to quit and do something else, offered this explanation: "Too many 'ups' for me. First, you have to wake up, then you have to get up. Next you have to wash up, feed up, and hitch up. Then you have to catch up and keep up. When you check up, you find you've hardly enought to pay up. That's when I gave up."

Like baseball players, we prefer hearing about our "hits" and "runs" rather than our "errors".

Discontent is the penalty we pay for being ungrateful for what we have.

Three men were waiting in a hospital while their wives were having babies. A nurse came in.

Nurse to first man: "Congratulations! You are the father of twins."

First Man: "Isn't that a coincidence? I'm manager of the Twins Baseball Team."

Later — Nurse to Second Man: "Congratulations! You are the father of triplets."

Second Man: "Isn't that a coincidence? I work for the 3M Company."

Third Man: "I think I'd better leave. I work for 7 Up!"

Bill: "I don't believe my mother will let me have this dog."

Tom: "Why not?"

Bill: "The ad says: 'One-year-old-boxer. Will eat almost anything. Very fond of small children.' "

There would not be so many open mouths if there were not so many open ears.

Experience is what makes you wonder how it got the reputation of being the best teacher.

And now, Brethren, even though nothing has been said this time about Thanksgiving, this is no indication that it is not held in our hearts and minds as much as ever. We should thank God each day that we are Americans and that we have the privilege of being Masons.

Have a happy, joyous, and grateful Thanksgiving.

Your piper,
Paul Stevens

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Supreme Council Signally Honors the New Bern Bodies

The Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite meeting in its headquarters building in Washington, D. C. on Monday morning October 20, 1969 signally honored the Scottish Rite Bodies of New Bern with the election of four of its members to the highest honor that can be bestowed. The honor is popularly referred to as the Thirty-Third Degree, but its official designation is Sovereign Grand Inspector General Honorary. To become eligible for this award, the recipient must have been a Knight Commander of the Court of Honour for a period of at least four years and he must have rendered such distinguished service, recognized by the Supreme Council as meriting the award.

Those from the New Bern Scottish Rite Bodies elected to receive this honor are as follows:

Leonard T. Barrington, New Bern
Charles T. Potter, Rt. 4, New Bern
Earl M. Noe, Beaufort
Jesse W. Harris, Enfield

These elected designates, along with a delegation of Thirty-Third degree members from the New Bern Bodies left on Tuesday morning, October 21, for Washington, D. C. where, on Thursday, October 23, at 4:30 P.M., the Thirty-Third Degree was conferred upon the four designates by the Supreme Council.

The New Bern Bodies were also additionally honored and recognized by the Supreme Council in electing fifteen of its members to receive the award, commonly known as Knight Commander of the Court of Honour, or referred to by its members as K.C.C.H. This award comes as a recognition by the Supreme Council of meritorious service rendered by certain members who must have been a 32° Mason for a period of at least four years. This number of recognized Brethren constitute the greatest number of awards ever received by the New Bern Bodies from the Supreme Council. The members of the New Bern Bodies elected to receive this honor are as follows:

Willard, M. Rhoades, Edenton
Edward W. Paul, Jr., New Bern
S. Frank Noble, Jr., New Bern
Carl C. Aycock, Wilson
Alvis N. Heath, Newport
Frank A. Smith, Jacksonville
William M. Tetterton, Williamston
Ashley G. Leggett, Washington
Harry W. Panton, Milwaukee
Silas D. Fuller, Rocky Mount
Howard B. Constant, New Bern
David W. Owens, Sneads Ferry
James W. H. Roberts, Greenville
William H. Scott, New Bern
Oscar Sermons, Havelock

The ceremony for the Knight Commander of the Court of Honour will be held in Charlotte on Saturday, November 8th. It is expected that the K.C.C.H. designates and a large number of Knights Commander of the Court of Honour will attend the ceremony, traveling to Charlotte by chartered bus.

The official word of the elections was received in the New Bern office of the Scottish Rite Bodies Monday, Oct. 20th, from North Carolina's representative of the Supreme Council, James Guy Johnston, of Charlotte, N. C., the Sovereign Grand Inspector General in North Carolina.

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Havelock-Cherry Point Ladies' Night Party

On Wednesday night, October 8th, a delightful Ladies' Night Party was held at the Graham A. Barden School Cafeteria for the Scottish Rite members and guests in the Havelock-Cherry Point area.

Brother Edward P. Blair, 33°, was Toastmaster for the affair and the Invocation was given by Rev. J. C. Parker, after which Col. Edward H. Jones welcomed the guests. A toast to the ladies was given by Commander Charles T. Denham and everyone enjoyed the "Old Fashioned Singing" led by Rev. J. C. Parker.

A delicious dinner of baked turkey with dressing, mashed potatoes, string beans, cranberry sauce, gravy, tossed salad, rolls, apple pie and coffee was served.

Brother Robert L. Pugh, 33°, P.G.M. and Secretary of the New Bern Bodies talked to the group about the "Forthcoming Reunion" at which time everyone hopes for a class of "200"!!

Brother Oscar Sermons introduced the speaker of the evening, Brother Nelson B. Banks, 32°, K.C.C.H., Recorder of Sudan Temple, who gave a splendid talk on Scottish Rite Masonry.

The benediction was given by Rev. Russell Talley.

The party was most enjoyable.

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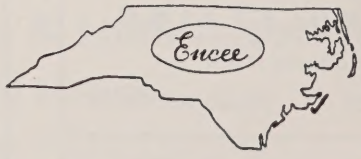

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By

Reynold S. Davenport, 33°

I read somewhere that computers will soon be talking. That's real nice, and it will undoubtedly do something for or to our conversational practices, but I'd be a whole lot more interested in some computers that would listen. All the computers I've had any experience with are hard-headed, opinionated, conceited, and absolutely incapable of admitting an error. Arguing with a computer is like sending up smoke signals to a blind indian.

A major oil company sent me a bill (straight off the computer, of course) for six dollars a few months ago, but didn't say what it was for. I hadn't used their credit card in over a year and I knew I didn't owe them anything, so I didn't pay 'em. Then followed a steady procession of bills and nasty letters over a period of several months. My various denials of debt and requests for explanation were either disregarded or they just didn't ping the computer in the right place, so in the matter of communication we were ringing up "no-sales" on both ends. I finally gave up. I cut their credit card into little pieces and sent them the pieces, along with a check for six dollars. I eventually received a letter acknowledging the six dollars and thanking me for my recent purchase. They also sent me a new credit card. A month later I received another bill for six dollars. Then I wrote a nasty letter. Then they sent ME a check for six dollars. A month later I received another bill — for six dollars. They also stated on the bill that my old balance amounted to six dollars. So they added the old six dollars to the new six dollars and said my new balance was zero. I haven't heard from 'em since. They haven't heard from me, either.

Computers are supposed to speed things up. Back in the pre-computer days I called the regional office of a mortgage company for the payoff figure on a house mortgage and it took about five minutes on the phone to get it. A few years later I called the same office for another payoff figure and the young lady on the other end told me they'd mail it to me in about ten days. I told her how quickly they had furnished a similar figure a few years earlier and asked why there should now be such a delay. "Oh, but sir," she airly replied, "we're computerized now."

This direct dialing bit is real good, too. It just brightens up a day something fierce to dial eleven digits and then sit for a couple of minutes waiting for something to happen which never does. So you give it another eleven spins and sit another spell and finally some operator comes on the line and wants to know what number you were dialing. You give her that information and then she leaves you hanging for another spell while she goes off somewhere to take an aspirin, or wash her hands, or something. Then she gets back on the line and advises you to "puh-leeze re-dye-ul your numbah." By this time you're ready to forget the whole thing, but just for the heck of it you give it eleven more goes and something starts ringing somewhere and you think you're about to hit paydirt and then this recording answers the phone. That really ties it! You've worn your finger down to a nub, you've lost all your patience and half your mind, and here comes a snooty-voiced recording wanting to tell you how stupid you are.

A real complete day is one during which you have spent at least half an hour trying to decipher what some computer has done to you or is getting ready to do to you, another half hour on the phone talking to nobody but recordings and yourself, then go home and try to listen to the news — only to have some bright-eyed lad on a commercial drool at you about the marvels of modern-day electronics.

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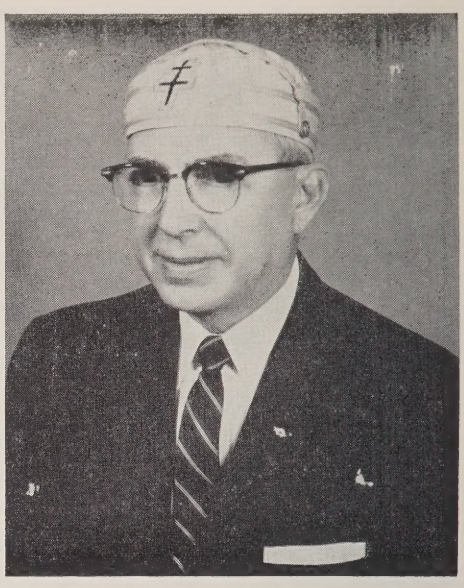

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NOVEMBER 18, 19 and 20, 1969

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REUNION ACTIVITIES

Tuesday, November 18, 1969

10:00 A.M.— 4°—Secret Master. Charles T. Potter, 33°, Master of Degree. Assisted by Nat M. Baxter, Ray Chadwick, M. D. Opphile, H. L. Lundy.

10:45 A.M.— 5°—Perfect Master. Ben F. Gillikin, 33°, Master of Degree. Assisted by C. W. Guptil, J. G. McDaniel, Dewey Gillikin, L. T. Barrington, H. L. Lundy, J. E. Blaylock, Paul V. Vogan, Ira Stephens, J. F. Payne, Andrew Murphey, W. E. Gardner.

11:45 A.M.— 6°—Confidential Secretary. Charles R. Gray, 33°, Master of Degree. Assisted by Chas. P. Gaskins, W. J. Rogers, Paul Jewett.

12:15 P.M.— 7°—Provost and Judge. W. I. Gause, 32°, K.C.C.H., Master of Degree. Assisted by L. Guy Matthis, B. L. Parker, M. D. Opphile, R. L. Pugh, Robert Forrest.

1:00 P.M. —Luncheon.

2:15 P.M.— 8°—Intendant of Building. Earl Noe, 33°, Master of Degree. Assisted by Neal Windley, Charles R. Davis, C. F. Lewis, S. C. Chadwick, Jr., Leonard Daniels, Tommie Avery.

3:00 P.M.— 9°—Elu of Nine. W. C. Moore, 33°, Master of Degree. Assisted by Paul Vogan, L. Guy Matthis, M. D. Opphile, B. F. Gillikin, H. J. MacDonald, H. W. Gillikin, Guy Langston, L. T. Barrington, C. T. Potter, Neil Vester, Robert Ray Harrison.

4:00 P.M.—10°—Elu of Fifteen. C. W. Guptil, 32°, Master of Degree. Assisted by Bill Blair, Neil Vester, Miller Basnight, J. L. Ashley, A. F. Wood, Lester Hart, Jerry T. Whitford.

4:45 P.M.—11°—Elu of Twelve. Charles H. Whedbee, 32°, Master of Degree. Assisted by Paul Jewett, Clyde Stubbs, Neil Vester, Miller Basnight, William C. Kellum, Marshal Harvey.

12°—Communicated.

5:45 P.M.—13°—Royal Arch of Solomon. E. P. Blair, 33°, Master of Degree. Assisted by Richard H. Lucas, Jack G. White, Raymond Leggett, Oscar Brock, Bill Blair.

Program Scottish Rite Reunion (Cont.)

6:30 P.M. —Dinner. Veterans' Night.

7:30 P.M.—14°—Perfect Elu. Louis N. Howard, 32°, K.C.C.H., Master of Degree. Assisted by B. F. Gillikin, Nelson Banks, Wm. R. Waters, C. W. Guptil, James E. Blaylock, W. E. Gardner, Andrew Murphy, Howard B. Constant, John A. Sawyer, Jr., Jack Edwards.

Wednesday, November 19, 1969

9:15 A.M.—15°—Knight of the East, G. C. Langston, 33°, Master of Degree. Assisted by A. T. Willis, Jr., Raymond Leggett, Chas. T. Potter, O. J. Aldridge, C. Wallace Jackson, N. M. Baxter, John R. Baughm.

16°—Communicated.

11:15 A.M.—17°—Knight of the East and West. Nelson Banks, 32°, K.C.C.H., Master of Degree. Assisted by Ashley G. Leggett, Harry L. Mann, Raymond Leggett, Harold Sawyer, Edward Ray Edwards.

12:00 M. —Luncheon.

1:15 P.M.—18°—Knight of Rose Croix. Edward C. Howard, 32°, K.C.C.H., Master of Degree. Assisted by S. A. McPherson, Jr., R. L. Pugh, Eddie Paul, Jr., Albert T. Willis, Jr.

19°—Communicated.

3:30 P.M.—20°—Master of Symbolic Lodge. William C. Hammond, Jr., 32°, K.C.C.H., Master of Degree. Assisted by D. L. McRainey, R. V. McBryde, William S. Oliver, Alex Arab, William L. Ramsey, Norris M. Vallandingham, Warren H. Coolidge, Clifford C. Duell.

4:45 P.M.—21°—Noachite or Prussian Knight. John G. Ormsby, 32°, Master of Degree. Assisted by Kermit Guthrie, R. L. Pugh, Paul V. Vogan, W. H. Scott, W. L. Adams, Guy C. Langston, C. T. Potter, Oscar C. Brock.

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5:30 P.M.—26°—Prince of Mercy. Reynold S. Davenport, 33°, Master of Degree. Assisted by J. C. Vail, G. E. Roberts, W. F. Thomason, Louie J. Smith, Charles W. Summerlin, Dr. P. T. Lancaster.

6:30 P.M. —Dinner. "The Watson Sherrod Night".

7:30 P.M.—27°—Knight Commander of the Temple. E. W. Paul, Jr., 32°, K.C.C.H., Master of Degree. Assisted by Neil Vester, J. D. Reese, A. N. Heath, W. H. Purser, E. P. Blair, Oscar Sermons, W. R. Newell, O. J. Aldridge, A. T. Willis, Jr., Guy C. Langston, Raymond Leggett, Oscar C. Brock, W. H. Scott.

28°—Communicated.

8:45 P.M.—29°—Scottish Knight of St. Andrew. Francis W. Clark, 33°, Master of Degree. Assisted by Clinton E. Bunch, Lindsay Barber, Samuel A. McPherson, Jr., Cosby S. Jones, Walter T. Kirby, Wilborne M. Smith, Irvin Weatherly, Tom Brown, W. T. Hawkins, L. T. Barrington, Everett Brothers, Carlice Williams.

Thursday, November 20, 1969

9:30 A.M.—30°—Knight Kadosh.
1st Apartment: Walter Kirby, 32°, K.C.C.H., Master; Assisted by Francis W. Clark.
2nd Apartment: Clifton Matthews, 32°, Master. Assisted by Cecil T. Boyette and Mark Ellis.
3rd Apartment: T. Bruce Boyette, 32°, K.C.C.H. Assisted by Alonzo Honeycutt and Wilson Scottish Rite Club.
4th Apartment: Alonzo Honeycutt, 32°, K.C.C.H., Master; Assisted by Carl Aycock.

12:00 M. —Luncheon

1:30 P.M.—31°—Inspector Inquisitor. L. T. Barrington, 33°, Master of Degree. Assisted by Francis W. Clark, C. Wallace Jackson, B. F. Gillikin, A. N. Heath, Charles R. Gray, Eddie Paul, Jr., Chas. T. Potter, V. J. Spivey, Warren H. Coolidge, W. C. Hammond.

3:30 P.M.—32°—Master of Royal Secret. Wm. R. Leggett, 32°, K.C.C.H., Master of Degree. Assisted by Donald Hinds, Lee Dorsey, Wallace Jackson, Kirby Hawkins, Jimmy Rochelle, Johnnie Braxton, Oscar C. Brock, Francis W. Clark, Chas. R. Gray, A. C. Walters, H. F. Griffin, W. J. Bundy, R. L. Pugh, Fred Woodruff, R. D. Shinkle, John D. Charlton, Amos Leggett, Ronald C. Wall.

5:45 P.M. —Banquet closing Reunion. "The Grand Master's Night".

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BOUND IN THE FAITH

That which gives sum and substance to Masonry — and life, for that matter — is religious faith. Without faith it is impossible to please God. We need religious faith because without it we cannot arrive at, or sustain, a true and worthy concept of our own personal being. It is sheer delusion to assume that one can continue to think of himself as a person, a creature capable of thoughtfulness and character, if he relinquishes the spiritual interpretation of the world — by which I mean the belief that God, a personal Spirit, is the inmost reality of existence. Without belief in the Holy Rationality which is God, one would have no ground for his belief in the rationality of himself or another. He would have no basis for distinction between right and wrong. If this distinction is a real one and not mere whim or social convention, then there is a Moral Reality. This is but another way of affirming that God is. If there is reality in the distinction between rationality and irrationality, then rational reality exists: the reality of a Divine Spirit. Only on this ground can one account for the rise of personal nature or retain respect for his own personality or than of another. If I am to retain any decently respectable conception of human selfhood, I need to believe that which is God. If that from which we derive is not good, then all our talk about goodness, mercy, and decency is mere delusion! To be without faith in God is to be without respect for self or another.

One needs to believe in God if he is to have any true conception of right relationships between his neighbor and himself. If righteousness is a matter of personal whim then is it fundamentally necessary? But it is necessary for without it there could be no decent society or ground for existence. There would be no substantial ground on which to build your life. This warning is written in large letters over the world today. There can be no social progress among men and nations without a deep and personal faith.

Life is reduced to meaningless natural existence, ending with death, unless there is religious faith. Without spiritual vision life can have no worth. In the light of the vision of God, life is seen to have cosmic and eternal meaning which transends death. If materialism were true, then the notion of man having a soul is myth! The concept of an ideal society is mirage! Death would end it all! When men see God in all his glory they begin to see the source and secret and substance of being. We can then see why God created this beautiful world. We can see that each of us can be a special person. We can see the possibilities of having a social ideal and spirit. When we see God as He is, we have ground for faith that the soul's career does not end at death but lives on and on in the environment of God.

Rev. Clyde G. McCarver, 32°, K.C.C.H.

Life from this standpoint is seen to have tremendous meaning. Life of the man of faith is a glorious life. Here is the great discovery which awaits us all: between God and man there can be an intimate personal relationship. "I have called thee by name. Thou art mine." God not only offers man fellowship in a very personal way, He goes the final step of assuring us of his interest in all men. His leadership is not given to men who ignore or forsake Him. If we are to be guided along the way of life we must have our hands in His.

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Wednesday

9:30 A.M. Tour of Tryon's Palace and its formal 18th Century Gardens
12:00 P.M. Lunch—Scottish Rite Temple
2:00 P.M. Tour of New Bern's famous 67 points of historic interest
6:30 P.M. Dinner at Temple

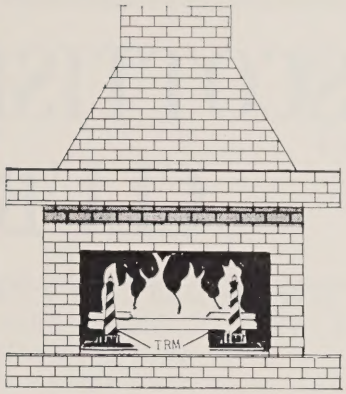
Thursday

8:30 A.M. Tour of Camp Lejeune
1:00 P.M. Lunch—Jacksonville, N. C.
3:00 P.M. Theatre Party, Masonic Theatre
5:45 P.M. Dinner at Temple

everything is to be accounted for by blind chance, unconscious life force to which moral purposes and longings mean nothing! One can not prove God by strict scientific processes. But he can take a stance in living for noble purposes. We can come to that place where our faith is well-founded. This is the surest and finest certainty we may have about anything. We are bound in life and death by our faith in a supreme being who has to do with the affairs of men.

When the worldling, sick at heart,
lifts his soul above;
When the prodigal looks back
on his Father's love;
When the proud man in his pride
stoops to seek thy face;
When the burdened brings his guilt
to the throne of grace;
Hear then in love, O Lord, the cry
in heaven, thy dwelling place on high.

So at long last do we know that our sufficiency is in God. Faith is an absolute necessity! Without it there is no hope for any man so afflicted! Religion and faith is that sincere submission to the will of the supreme being for your life. In whom do you put your trust?



HEARTHSIDE CHATS

By

Tom MacRae, 32°

Several months ago this column, at considerable length, contemplated with delight our coming vacation in the North Carolina mountains and the delightful food at historic Nu-Wray Inn at Burnsville.

Because of conflicts in our news-gathering work it has been impossible to conscientiously "find" two adjoining weeks which could be converted to this cause.

True, there are "stringers" who could cover slated courts, meetings and the like, but when it comes to what we think is "important news," we prefer to be there in person.

At any rate, we planned to take two weeks — one beginning Oct. 5, the other starting Nov. 16 (which would enable us to attend the Fall Reunion at New Bern). Since then a kidnaping-rape hearing has been scheduled and we will miss the third day in New Bern.

This is the week of Oct. 5 and despite last week's plans which had us scheduled for an apartment at Wrightsville Beach, we sit here in the household office getting the Bagpipe copy in before the Oct. 10 deadline.

Our misfortunes began last Saturday morning. While shooting the PPC (practical police course) with a .38 revolver, we dropped on our left knee at the 25-yard line to get off five shots.

Instead of hitting the grass-covered range, our knee struck a large flat rock that, to say the least, had no right to be on the range. The impact (knee and rock) might be compared with a sledge hammer striking the knee. Ten minutes later, somewhat recovered and still using words that were not taught at mother's knee, we limped to the backstop. Several shots insured that the rock would not cause additional damage.

The knee remained sore through Saturday night. Sunday morning it was swollen. A heat lamp did little good. Monday it was still swollen and even sorer.

On Tuesday afternoon our favorite

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physician, Dr. Louis D. Hayman, withdrew 20 cubic centimeters of yellow-colored water from behind the knee cap. The doc has a bad memory. He expressed surprise that we "felt" the needle, commenting that this was the "first time" a patient had complained. Since the needle was still in place we didn't remind him of another occasion five years ago in which we were the chief participants.

Today is Wednesday and we are following his advice to "take it easy" for 24 hours. This means, in simple English, our vacation will begin Friday and end Sunday. Back to work on Monday. Some vacation!

President Woodrow Wilson once remarked: "Without enthusiasm there is no progress in the world."

Today we lack the enthusiasm . . . but we've met the Oct. 10 copy deadline!

October 13, 1969

Robert L, Pugh, 33°
New Bern Scottish Rite Bodies
P. O. Box 1449
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Dear Brother Pugh:

I take this opportunity to send you my best and say that I hope you and yours are well.

During the next two years I will be serving with the U. S. Coast Guard here in Juneau, Alaska. During my regular visits to the Mt. Juneau Lodge No. 147, I have found the work to be quite different than that of North Carolina. Next week will be my first visit to the Consistory here in Juneau. It is the only Scottish Rite Temple in Alaska and we will be having a reunion during the week, at which time 10 condidates will take the degrees. A little less than the 170 that I took degrees with in the "Carry-On" Reunion in memory of Charles A. Seifert, 33°.

In closing, I would like to ask a small favor. Please have my address for The New Age changed to my current location.

Fraternally,
Daniel E. Moulson, 32°
Rt. 2, Box 909A
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Beaufort County Scottish Rite Club

After three months without meeting, the first meeting of the fall of 1969 was held on October 5th.

The meeting was held at the Beaufort County Law Enforcement Officers Society Club on Tranters Creek about three miles west of Washington. The accommodations were very comfortable, the arrangements were pleasing and everything was so near perfect that we could not refuse the invitation to meet at the same sight in November. There were about thirty-eight present. Everyone brought their own meat for charcoaling and the extras were furnished by the club.

Brother Ashley Leggett thanked the club for remembering him while he was a patient for three weeks in the Park View Hospital in Rocky Mount.

Brother Ray Alexander opened the meeting with prayer.

The Treasurer's report and the minutes of the last meeting were approved.

It was announced that our Ladies' Night Party is scheduled for November 5, 1969, Wednesday at the Washington Lodge No. 675 at seven o'clock in the evening. Mrs. Carpenter of the Washington School faculty will entertain us with her guitar and folk singing. The speaker of the evening has not been announced. President Vance Smith informed us that the club was inviting ten prospective candidates and their wives.

It was brought to the club's attention that the regular members were active but the membership was not increasing. Several suggestions were offered whereby we may encourage new members. It seems that non-members do not realize that they are members by virtue of their Scottish Rite affiliation. We welcome and encourage the attendance of any member of the Scottish Rite bodies regardless of the location of their Consistory. Our dues are only $1.00 per year.

The Secretary was instructed to get a full roster of all Scottish Rite members of Beaufort County and draft a letter informing each one of the Beaufort County Scottish Rite Club and how it functions. This letter is designed especially for our December meeting when we will have our election of officers for 1970.

The secretary was instructed to write a letter thanking the Beaufort County Law Enforcement Officers Association for allowing us to use their club house for this meeting.

Brothers Edward Edwards and Henry Jones volunteered to make all arrangements for our next meeting of November 2, 1969 to be held at this same location.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

We then joined our ladies for an enjoyable social hour.

Ashley G. Leggett, Secretary

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East Carteret Scottish Rite Club

Two meetings of the East Carteret Scottish Rite Club were recently held after a lay off during the summer months.

The first being September 22, 1969, at Franklin Lodge No. 109. President Charles McKay presided, with 18 members present. This was a short meeting to inform everyone of the upcoming re-union and to start digging up candidates. After a few remarks by the brethren the meeting was adjourned.

On October 6th, 1969, at Franklin Lodge No. 109, the second meeting was held, with 21 members present. There was a short discussion about the upcoming Ladies' Nite to be held at West Carteret High School, prior to the Scottish Rite Re-Union. All members were encouraged to line up prospective candidates, and a Stag supper was voted on for the new candidates. It was decided to meet and eat, Friday, October 17th, 7:30 P.M. at the Sea Level Inn. All members present were asked to bring at least one prospective candidate. After a few remarks by several of the brethren, the meeting was adjourned.

Fraternally yours,
A. C. Blankenship, Secretary

Grifton Club Meets in Thrilling Reorganization

On Monday evening, October 20th, in the V.F.W. building at Grifton, thirty brethren of the Grifton area met in order that they might reorganize for concentrated activity in behalf of the Scottish Rite. This, in effect, amounted to a rebirth of the Grifton Club which formally was a very active organization but in recent years had not continued the active interest that in years past characterized it in such a beautiful manner.

The story last evening however, was entirely different because with thirty of the brethren present there were ten prospects for the forthcoming reunion. This indicated an amazing attempt on the part of the Grifton brethren to display some interest in behalf of the forthcoming reunion.

Bruce Cannon was elected as President with Brother R. D. Taylor as Secretary-Treasurer, Curtis Ward as Vice President and Brother J. O. House as Chaplain.

It was agreed that they would meet eight times during the year and that the regular night for the meeting would be on the second Monday of each month. The meetings would run from September through April. Thus the brethren manifested a concerned interest in each of the two Reunions during the year.

The meeting was attended by four of the brethren from New Bern:

Brother Clarence Koonce, 32°, K.C.C.H., Past President of the New Bern Scottish Rite Club, Brother S. Frank Noble, Jr., 32°, K.C.C.H., Venerable Master of the Lodge of Perfection, Brother Nelson B. Banks, 32°, K.C.C.H., and Recorder of Sudan Temple and the Executive Secretary of the Scottish Rite Bodies in the Valley of New Bern, Brother L. Pugh, 33°.

From the spirit that was manifested during the meeting it was quite evident that the Grifton brethren have a firm resolve to move forward in behalf of the Scottish Rite. Certainly they can boast loudly on the tremendous percentage of prospects present for the meeting. All power to the Grifton Club and may they continue in the same spirit of interest that was demonstrated this evening of reorganization.

DOES THIS REMIND YOU OF THE PROSPECT WHOSE PETITION YOU WERE GOING TO GET? DELAY IS COSTLY? WHY NOT APPROACH HIM AT ONCE?

(The New) Grifton Scottish Rite Club

The Grifton Scottish Rite Club regrouped with enthusiasm Monday night, October 20, 1969, after being disbanded for several months.

Highlights of this fast moving meeting went something like this:

- 16 oz. "T" Bones were enjoyed by all. (Cooked by Walter Murphy and crew)
- Election of officers — acting president Bruce Cannon, was very quickly elected President. (Claims he was "railroaded")
- Voting on meeting night, time, and place. (2nd Monday of Sept. thru April, 7:00 p.m.)
- Recognition of visitors. (Had some big names such as R. L. Pugh, 33°, Nelson Banks, 32°, K.C.C.H., Bro. Frank Noble, 32°, K.C.C.H., and Bro. Clarence Koonce, 32,° K.C.C.H.)
- Short "Pep" talks from Bob and Nelson about Fall Reunion. (We showed a lot of "Pep" by having TEN prospective candidates in attendance)
- Recognition of some "Old" Scottish Rite Masons. (Five brothers from a class in 1952). We want 1969 to be remembered as a good year, also.
- Meeting was closed with a prayer lead by our Chaplain, Brother J. O. House.

The visitors, seventeen members, and ten prospective Scottish Rites candidates all departed with that warm feeling that can best be accomplished by mixing good fellowship.

We've got something started here, now. Watch us! Curt Ward, Vice-President

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Onslow-Lejeune Scottish Rite Club

The September meeting of the Onslow-Lejeune Scottish Rite Club was held September 29, at the Barbecue Lodge. President Bray opened the meeting with several timely remarks. He also read letters from Dr. Lancaster and Bro. Maynard Deane who expressed their appreciation for the Teacher-Appreciation Day which was sponsored by the Scottish Rite Club.

The invocation was given by Bro. Russ Baker and everyone enjoyed a meal of fried and barbecued chicken, barbecued pork, potatoes, slaw and hush puppies served family style.

Our speaker for the evening was unable to attend the meeting because of a last minute change in his schedule. However, we are looking forward to hearing him at a later date.

There being no further business, the benediction was given by Bro. Bill Overs and the meeting adjourned.

James Batchelor, Secretary-Treasurer
Russ Bray, President

Albert Pike Scottish Rite Club

The "Albert Pike Scottish Rite Club" held their regular meeting Monday night, Oct. 6, 1969, at the Masonic Temple. A steak cook-out was enjoyed by the following brethren: G. R. Leggett, Sr., President; W. C. Chesson, Secretary; R. H. Lucas, Randy Waters, Richard Davenport, Dan Pittman, Bryant Harris, Harrison Phelps, W. C. Pate, Hugh Brown, Rexie Modlin, Floyd Asby, Alton Gurganus, Hallet Davis, Jack Latham, and Putt Landing.

Each member was urged to exercise all his efforts to inform every Master Mason of his acquaintance, of the benefits, and blessings available in the Scottish Rite Degrees, that we might share our good fortune with others, otherwise it is no good to us. We must share it with our brethren.

No man can have pure, clean character who does not habitually have pure, clean thoughts. Like a gardener, while he cannot create, he can cultivate. Like a builder, while he cannot make the material, he can choose it and shape it to his purpose. Character is built of the thoughts which we allow to grow and multiply within our minds.

The man who notices the sunrise and the sunset is a happier individual than the one who plods along with his eyes on the dust. The same stars shine above all who walk in the city streets; but some will see them, and others will never observe that they exist.

A life that has been rigidly trained will extract sweetness from everything; it will see beauty everywhere. There is nothing uninteresting in all the Universe, if you know something about it. But we human beings are for a long time in the

Officers elected to serve the Wilson County Scottish Rite Club made their official appearance at the Ladies' Night Party on October 1st. Superior Court Judge W. J. Bundy was principal speaker. In photo, left to right, first row, Alonzo Honeycutt, Vice President; Judge Bundy; Carl Aycock, Club President; and Walter Lamm, Past President; second row, Robert L. Pugh, District Secretary from New Bern; Bruce Boyette, Masonic Representative; D. M. Harrell, Secretary; and Nelson Banks, representing Sudan Temple. (Photo by Clint Faris)

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blind-puppy stage. There is a whole world about us that as yet we have no faculty to apprehend, until some life-experience opens up a new perception. Then, a world which we have always known is suddenly beheld all fresh with loveliness.

You will have, by your new perspective, a greater appreciation for the wonders of nature. But you will also have an awakening in regard to your obligations and contacts with other people. Youth is really happy, because it does not try to be happy, but flames with interest, enthusiasm, confidence, courage, alertness and idealism. When we come to manhood, we find that there are added considerations. While self-preservation is a fundamental instinct of human nature, consideration for others is a primal law of society.

Force yourself to form the habit of seeing the best in people, of finding out their good qualities, and dwelling upon them and enlarging them. Do not see the distorted, crooked, cramped, burlesque of a man, but the man that God made. Make up your mind firmly that you will not criticize or condemn others, or find fault with their mistakes and shortcomings. It is like a deadly worm which gnaws at the heart of the rosebud or fruit, and will make your own life gnarled, distorted, and bitter.

Those who do good as opportunity offers, are sowing seed all the time, and they need not doubt the harvest.

The school educates no one; it is merely a field in which self-education may be carried on. The purpose of life is to achieve a good personal development. Happiness consists in being consciously harmonized with the true, the good, and the beautiful. True courage is born of a sense of harmony with the world in which we live. But it is only through our interest in our fellowmen that any of our human capacities reach development.

Wilmer C. Chesson, Secretary

Pitt County Scottish Rite Club

The Pitt County Scottish Rite Club held its second meeting of the fall season at the Silo Restaurant on Friday, September 26th, with 16 members present. The meeting was called to order by the President, Fred H. Rogers. After the invocation a delicious roast beef dinner was enjoyed by all.

During the business meeting that followed the names of prospective candidates were presented and the members were urged to contact these and line them up for the fall reunion. Several names were announced as planning to take the work at this re-union. The prospects are looking favorable for a good number of candidates from Greenville. Plans for the Ladies' night party to be held on October 31st, were discussed and the program was anounced. The members were urged to exert every effort to contact all prospective candidates and get their names on a petition as early as possible.

After the business was concluded the meeting adjourned with a prayer by Brother James W. Brewer.

Ocracoke Scottish Rite Club

Ocracoke Scottish Rite Club met Sept. 15, 1969. The meeting was called to order by President Don Snell. Twelve members were present. The purpose of meeting was to elect officers for the new year. Officers elected were as follows:

Irvine S. Garrish ..... President
Elisha Ballance ..... Vice-President
Tony T. Gaskill ..... Secretary-Treasurer

The Treasurer reported that net profit from the August fish fry was $518.25.

Since the meeting, Mr. E. P. Blair has agreed to be the guest speaker for Ladies' Night, Oct. 25, 1969.

Meeting adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

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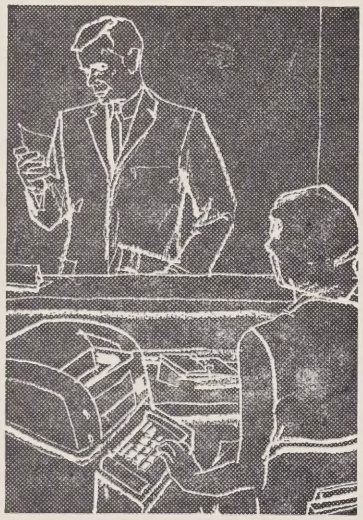

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